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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE

A total of 253 surface-to-air missile launch positions have been detected in North Vietnam; of this number, 214 are known to be capable of supporting surface-to-air operations. The firing organization, however, is estimated to be 28 to 30 battalions. They are largely concentrated in the Hanoi, Haiphong, Thanh Hoa, and Yen Bai areas. The OXCART aircraft carries ECM equipment which is capable of neutralizing the SAM threat. There are currently two to three MIG-21 jet interceptors stationed in North Vietnam. These MIGs, however, are not capable of intercepting the OXCART aircraft.

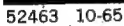
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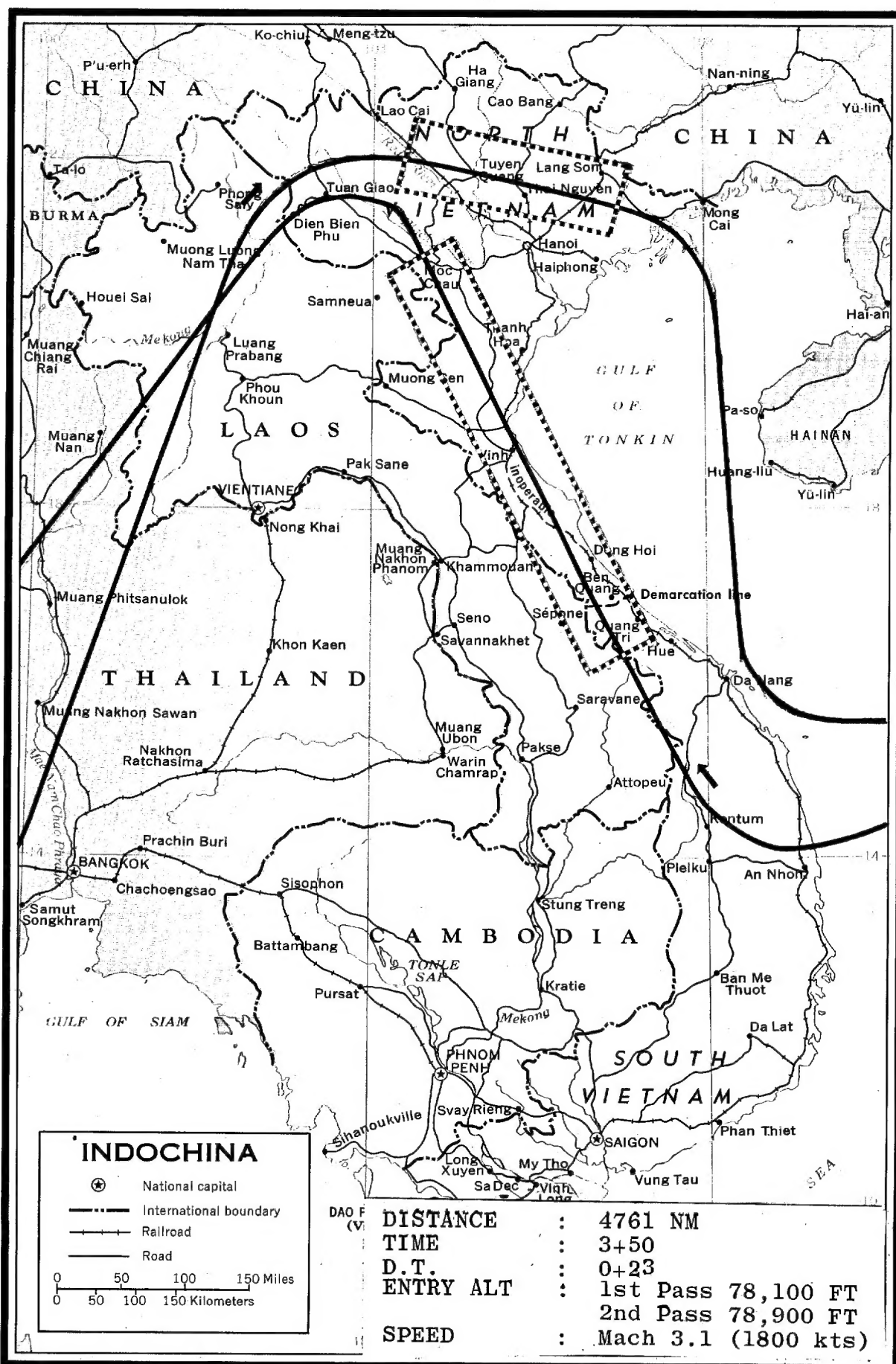
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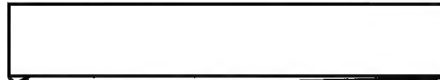
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